

Edwin P. Wilson

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Edwin Wilson was an Operation 40 member and CIA deep insider, Wilson officially left the CIA in 1971 for a job with the Office of Naval Intelligence's secret Task Force 157. When caught dealing weapons and explosives to Libya, he was hung out to dry by former CIA colleagues who denied all knowledge. Even after this was proved false, it took years until his release.



Edwin P. Wilson

(spook, Arms dealer, deep state operative)



Born	1928-05-03 Nampa, Idaho
Died	2012-09-10 (Age 84) Seattle, Washington
Member of	Operation 40
Perpetrator of	Arms for Libya
Wikipedia page	Edwin P. Wilson (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edwin_P._Wilson)
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CIA, Operation 40 member, Arms Dealer and deep insider who was caught doing selling a mammoth consignment of C-4 explosive to Libya. He was thrown under a bus by the CIA's plausible deniability policy, but eventually exposed the CIA lie and overturned his conviction after 20 years in jail.

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Business career

He had a *lot* of businesses, many of them front companies, but also many real companies. "His preferred habitat was a hall of mirrors. His business empire existed as a cover for espionage, but it also made him a lot of money."^[1] In the 1970s, he met with another CIA spook who was later to surpass him in infamy, Michael Jon Hand.

CIA/Drug trafficking

Edward Cutolo testified that Edwin Wilson was present at a lot of CIA drug deals in Panama and that he was also aware of other arenas of deep state drug trafficking.^[2]

Arms for Libya

Full article: Arms for Libya

Wilson came to prominence when after years of investigations by the BATF, he was arrested for a litany of crimes, most notably selling 20 tonnes of C-4 (military grade) explosive to Muammar Gaddafi. This is an extraordinary amount - capable of downing perhaps 20,000 jumbo jets^[3] - equal to the entire US stockpile. His defense was that these were CIA authorised deals. Wilson claimed that he continued to work for the CIA for free, out of patriotic duty, even "Shelling out his own money, earned through his various business deals, to gather intelligence."^[4]

Perjured testimony

In 1983, the CIA's #3 operative, Charles A. Briggs produced the "Briggs affidavit" - a testimony that having searched all the CIA's records, there was no evidence that he was doing anything, directly or indirectly, for them. This was used at his trial, and persuaded the jury of his guilt. He was convicted on February 18, 1983. Three days after the trial ended, but before the sentencing, the government admitted internally that the Briggs

affidavit was false. A CIA investigator drafted a memorandum that listed five solicitations and projects on which Wilson worked for the CIA after 1971.^[5]

Sentencing

Although the government had already admitted *internally* that the Briggs affidavit was a lie, the guilty verdict was not challenged, and Wilson was sentenced to 17 years in prison and fined \$145,000. No mention was made of this lie at the heart of the government's case for nearly 20 years, although innumerable CIA employees knew it to be false.^[5]

Attempted murder charge

Wilson was further indicted by a federal grand jury in the Southern District of New York on charges of plotting to kill the prosecutors and prosecution witnesses in the Virginia and Texas cases. Convicted in November 1983 he was sentenced to another 25 years in prison.^[5]

Overturning the conviction

Wilson's continued efforts to establish that he had CIA authorisation eventually established evidence that Briggs' affidavit was a complete fabrication - at least 80 meetings with CIA staff were recorded in their archives, not 0 as the government had tried to make out. In a forthright 24 page ruling, Judge Lynn Hughes described Wilson as "a part-time, informal government agent."^[6] The conviction was overturned on February 6, 2004.

Released, he filed a civil suit against 7 former federal prosecutors, 2 of whom had gone on to become federal judges, and against a past executive director of the CIA. On 29 March 2007, U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal dismissed his action, deeming that all 8 had immunity from prosecution for all of their actions in this regard. As Wilson's lawyer, Steve Berman, summarised it "There were lies told before, during and after his trial, and the judge [Lee Rosenthal] basically said, 'too bad.'"^[7]

An event carried out

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Event	Date	Description
Arms for Libya	1977 - 1981	Around 20 tonnes of C-4 plastic explosive, plus training in bomb making, together with thousands of rifles, handguns and other weapons sold by a CIA operative to Muammar Gaddafi's Libya in the late 1970s - early 1980s. No wikipedia page as of September 2015.

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Title	Type	Publication date	Author(s)	Description
Ed Wilson's Revenge	report	January 2000	Michael Ruppert	An example of how plausible deniability worked for the CIA - their 3rd most senior CIA official produces an affidavit that they had had no dealings with Edwin Wilson since 1971. Although legions of insiders knew this was a lie, the court accepted it. Finally exposed as a lie almost 20 years later, all those who lied in court are given immunity.

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